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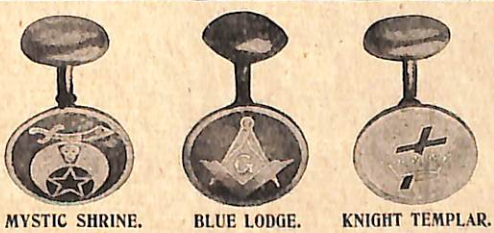

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A. L. BEARDSLEE.
(Late Oriental Guide of El-Kahir Temple N. M. S.)

It was most startling intelligence to us to receive the announcement that A. L. Beardslee was no more. He died at his home in Manchester, Iowa, April 7, 1900, in the 54th year of his age. His funeral was held April 10th, under the direction of the Lodge, escorted by the Commandery. The funeral oration was by Rev. Dr. J. C. W. Coxe, Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment. At the grave the beautiful lodge service was feelingly rendered by W. Bro. Robinson, assisted by his officers. Our friend and brother was an active Mason, honored by his local and some of the Grand bodies. He had been an active officer of El-Kahir Temple for some years, and was beloved and respected by all. From the local papers we gleaned these items which are appropriate for this column:

"Mr. Beardslee was unusually prominent in Masonic circles. He was a member of Manchester Lodge, No. 165, A. F. and A. M., of Olive Branch Chapter, No. 48, R. A. M., and a charter member of Nazareth Commandery, No. 33, Knights Templar, serving as Master of the Blue lodge, High Priest of the Chapter, and as Eminent Commander of the Commandery. In 1889 he was elected Grand Captain of the Grand Commandery of Iowa, and was in charge of that body at the triennial encampment at St. Louis. In 1890 he was elected and served as Deputy Grand Commander of the state of Iowa. Mr. Beardslee was also a member of De Moley Consistory at Clinton, and at the time of his death an officer in El-Kahir Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

The death of A. L. Beardslee has created the profound impression here that, great as is the loss sustained by the family and friends, that to the community is no less severe. In speaking of him as a public-spirited man, Mr. Beardslee receives merely the meed of justice, for he was more than that He was not simply a man who approved of and was interested in those projects or measures which promised to be of benefit to the town in which he lived; he was himself the projector and successful executor of enterprises which displayed his energy of character and exceptional business ability. Since his earliest residence in Manchester he had been known as one of its most prominent citizens and as a progressive, wide-awake, thoroughly capable business man. The loss sustained by any community in the death of such a man is not to be coldly estimated in words or calculatingly measured in deeds. It is a loss the sense of which will be deepened rather than diminished by the lapse of time; and which will impress itself in countless ways, real and intangible, upon the community interest.

Personally, Mr. Beardsley was of most friendly and engaging disposition. He was 'Al' to his friends, who enjoyed in his company a good comradeship which was unaffected and who entertained for him the affection which the man of large heart, generous impulses and quick sympathy always inspires. His companionship will be missed, lastingly, unremittingly. He is of those who,

> Lying down amidst a world's activities,
> Its cares. its empty trifles hedged about,
> Awakens to the hush of an eternity
> Unmarred by stress or strife or clam'rous doubt."

Among the Lodges.

At Central City we found the brothers alive and W. M., A. P. Ward says their lodge is one of the steady growers.

Down at Pleasantville we saw the pillars J. and B. standing in the hall as an evidence that those brothers still held forth on the level.

Brothers C. W. and J. W. Bopp, two of our active craftsmen from Hawkeye leave May 12th for a long visit "around the world." J. W. promises us to make a fraternal visit to the Bektash Dervishes and bring home a new degree.

Excelsior Lodge, Council Bluffs, entertained 300 guests April 25th. Bro. G. W. Lininger, of Omaha, delivered an address on "Masonry Abroad." Other social features were included.

At Missouri Valley the craft are at work and good results are following.

Woodbine holds a safe place among the living lodges of the jurisdiction of Iowa.

The Royal Arch.

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF IOWA.

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST
WEBSTER CITY, IOWA, April 10, 1900.

To the Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa, and to the Officers and Companions of Subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction:

I sincerely regret to announce to you that our Grand High Priest, B. F. Parker, has removed from this jurisdiction, and believe that all will unite with me in the wish that prosperity and happiness may follow him wherever he may go.

In accordance with law and Companion Parker's request, I have assumed the duties of the office of High Priest, and will endeavor to discharge the same until further notice.

The Grand Secretary will communicate this notice to each officer of the Grand Chapter and to each Subordinate Chapter within this jurisdiction.

N. B. HYATT,
Dep. G. H. Priest and Acting High Priest.
ATTEST:
ALF. WINGATE, *Grand Secretary.*

In the Commanderies

MAKE WAY FOR IOWA.

HER TEMPLARS ARE COMING IN GREAT FORCE.

E. Olin Soule Visits Louisville to Make Arrangements for Visiting Knights Next Year.

Mr. E. Olin Soule, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and general agent in the passenger department of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern railway, was in the city recently. Mr. Soule is a prominent member of the Iowa organization of Knights Templars and was commissioned to make inquiries as to accommodation for the Templars of his state during the twenty-eighth triennial conclave, which is to be held in Louisville in August, 1901.

To a reporter of the Courier-Journal Mr. Soule said:

"I find the preliminary arrangements here all that could be asked for. I am sure that every Templar who visits Louisville will find accommodations to his liking, and although we will bring a large number of men from Iowa, I feel sure that all will be taken care of in a most satisfactory way. The Louisville triennial will be the largest ever held. The attendance from my part of the country will be 75 per cent. greater than at any previous conclave. There are several reasons why this will be the case. In the first place, and speaking generally, the interest in the coming conclave is greater than I have ever known before. But the prosperous condition of the country will have a great deal to do with the attendance here. Many Knights who have not felt able to attend the encampments in recent years now think themselves justified in making this trip and enjoying a reunion with their brethren. Then, too, Louisville is regarded as a southern city, and there is unquestionably a sentimental desire to recognize and affiliate with the south on the part of our members. This feeling will bring many men to Louisville who would not go east or north. Moreover, at all recent conclaves the Louisville commanderies have been among the most generous entertainers, and this has made the city and state popular. We want to show our appreciation of your hospitality, and you can rely upon it that our part of the country will be better represented at Louisville than at any previous conclave."

During his short stay here Mr. Soule made a great many friends, both among the Templars and the railroad men of the city. *Courier-Journal.*

Hugh De Payens Commandery, No. 51, St. Joseph, Mo., observed Easter with a united service, St. Joseph No. 4 taking part, and Rev. Wilbur Fiske Packard, D. D., delivering the sermon.

There are 217 inmates in the North Carolina Masonic Orphan's Home.

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GRAND GATHERINGS.

GRAND LODGES MEET.
Cedar Rapids, June 5, 1900.

THOS. LAMBERT....Sabula.....GRAND MASTER
T. S. Parvin.....Cedar Rapids.....Grand Secretary

CONVOCATIONS, R. A. M.
Iowa, Grand, Des Moines, October 16, 1900.
B. F. PARKER...Dubuque.....GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Secretary

CONCLAVES K. T.
Grand Encampment, Louisville, Ky., Aug. 27, 1901.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 10, 1900.
J. H. PETTIBONE...Burlington..GRAND COMMANDER
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Recorder

GRAND CHAPTERS O. E. S.
General Grand (U. S.) Sept., 1900, Cincinnati.
Iowa, Oct. —, 1900, Des Moines.
MRS. M. B. RATHBUN..Clinton.....GRAND MATRON
A. J. Small.....Des Moines.....Grand Patron
Mrs. Maria Jackson...Council Bluffs.....Grand Recorder

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.
Imperial Council, Washington, D. C., May 22, 1900.
JOHN H. ATWOOD, Leavenworth, Kan IMP. POTENTATE
Ben. W. Rowell.....Boston, Mass.....Recorder

El-Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
F. O. EVANS.....Des Moines..... POTENTATE
John Westley Geiger.....Marion..... .....Recorder

Once more we've delayed to publish another chapter of that "History of the Shrine" for want of time to write it up—but with the relief that June will bring we expect to take it up again.

The man who finds no suggestive lessons in any degree of Masonry is suitable material for the class of orders where the "slap-stick" reigns and the candidate ascends with the explosion.

A HANDSOME TOKEN.

Bro. John Walters, of LaPorte, has just received an appointment in the census department at Washington. His O. E. S. Chapter and his Lodge united in presenting him with a beautiful gold watch as a token of the high regard in which he is held. He is W. M., and has been W. P. He expects to be absent some years and LaPorte will miss him.

We've received an invitation to attend the 25th (silver) wedding of Bro. Magnus L. Robinson, of Alexandria, Va., April 30, but unfortunately it comes too soon for either function we'd like to exercise—either presence or silver. Greetings anyhow.

MATT PARROTT DEAD.

Death seems to aim at the ranks of our Iowa Masonic friends. This well known brother fell on sleep April 21, 1900, at Battle Creek, Mich., where he was taking treatment for Brights disease. He was a man well and favorably known—genial and cordial—one whose home was an asylum of rest and a treasure of refinement. May his rest be sweet. The funeral was held at Waterloo April 25, 1900.

We have information of the death of Sir Warren Garver, of Des Moines, April 13. His funeral was conducted by Commandery No. 4.

We were also informed of the death of Judge Ayers, but no date given. Both the above were residents of Des Moines.

Sir Egbert Hoag, of Manchester, died March 15, 1900. Masonic funeral with Commandery escort. No particulars.

A HISTORY OF THE SHRINE.

The Oriental Publishing Company, of Philidelphia, have brought out an illustrated history of the Mystic Shrine, which promises to be very interesting as the initial literature of the Order in this country. It is a folio-octavo volume; bound in heavy paper, fine color design cover, and sells at 50 cents for this edition. Subscribers who pay up can have the book and the "Freemason and Fez" for a new year, for 75 cents. Subscriptions for the book received at 50 cents for advance orders. tf

The Eastern Star.

The Chapter at Vinton is showing much evidence of revival. LaPorte Chapter came over lately and exemplified the work.

LaPorte Chapter was at Vinton April 25th, to exemplify the work. A number of candidates were adopted.

Scottish Rite.

Maundy Thursday was observed by the Consistory at Des Moines, April 12th, with reception and banquet.

The Mystic Shrine.

FINAL WASHINGTON ECHOES.

Medinah goes a day ahead this year, leaving on the 19th via the Big Four and C. & O., on a special.

The Imperial Potentate (may he always prosper), goes via the Missouri Pacific, Big Four and C. & O.

The Deputy Imperial Potentate (may he keep a coming), goes with his handsome caravan via the "Pennsylvania."

While Noble Sam Briggs and Al-Koran go hippity-hop over the B. & O. Sam always did like a high rolling camel.

FOR WASHINGTON!

EL-KAHIR'S PLANS.

El-Kahir Temple will go to the Imperial Council as part of the Imperial Caravan. If the connections can be made via St. Louis it will be that way, if not, then via Chicago, the Big Four, joining the Imperial train at Indianapolis, and on via Cincinnati and the C. & O., to Washington. All you want to know will be supplied in time on application to Jno. W. Geiger, Recorder, Marion, Iowa.

Noble Wells, of Boone, informs us that they have fifteen candidates ready for El-Kahir, and that they have the outside towns to hear from. A meeting in June is likely.

"WES" GETS GAY.

NOW BE GOOD!

ST. JOSEPH, MO., April 20, 1900.
MY DEAR NOBLE J. W. GEIGER:
Just received the Freemason and Fez. *You just watch us come in our Imperial Pote's train* to Washington, D. C.
Yours truly,
J. W. GIBSON.
Regards to Ed. Alderman, I. O. G.
A hot time in Washington, D. C-

EL-KAHIR AT CLINTON.

Five times have our trusty Arabs "dispersed themselves" over this Oasis "in full array," and each time the incursion was a success. Nineteen Novices tasted of the delights of the journey. Twenty applications were checked in with the fees. One might name them all, but "Gardner, Schultz and Highland must stand as hostage for them all" of Clinton. May the Oasis of Clinton ever have flowing wells, a river of water, palm trees and fruits rare and plentiful. To all who attended—Salaam!

Every year brings on its epidemic of amendments and substitutes. Oh, well—let them go!

Judging from the "Toothsome Shad" reprint from the Washington Evening Star—they're going to tender the Imperial Council a boat ride down the Potomac, for a shad-bake (oh, my!) at Riverview. Don't miss the shad-bake.

Noble Wm. Scott, of Charles City, sends us an illustrated copy of the Charles City Press, in which we soon discovered "Willie's" phiz with his phez on, and a readable sketch attached.

The ideal Masonic lodge is that one in which practical Masonry is the end and aim of all work. By practical Masonry is meant more than mere ritualism. In fact, in such a lodge the ritual really occupies a subordinate place; it is but a means to an end, and that end the realization of the Masonic ideal. The trouble with many of our lodges lies right here. They regard the ritual as of supreme importance, and all the talent and energy of the lodge is concentrated on its rendition. The ritual is important; there can be no gainsaying this, but it is not all-important, nor should it absorb all the talent in the lodge to the exclusion of other things.—*A. M. Rambo.*

OUR IMPERIAL POTENTATE

NOBLE JOHN H. ATWOOD,
Leavenworth, Kansas.

The irrepressible Recorder Ross, of Lu Lu Temple, thus "dishes up" the Imperial Potentate in his last circular:

"The subject of this sketch is splendid food for a twenty column notice, but the space devoted to such matters in our monthly editions is necessarily limited, and we have to be content with merely stating to an admiring constituency that John was, in early life, what the neighbors called "a regular sun-downer." When he was seventeen years of age, the minister of the parish, in which our Imperial Potentate first saw the light of day and heard the dinner horn, was called in to help decide which of the many reputable professions should be selected whereby the promising son of a strict, Puritanical father would be able to satisfy his natural genius, and, at the same time, gain a living and an honorable name. The minister suggested at once that he be made to enter the ministry, which calling, he was sure, would conform better to the general tone and dignity of John's physical build, his innate piety, and especially to his moble John-Wannamaker cast of countenance, than any other line of business that might require more thought and labor, and, perhaps, a greater modicum of anxiety; so it was then and there decided that John should be a clergyman. Immediately subsequent thereto, John was given an opportunity to say just one word upon the subject, not with the remotest idea that whatever he might advance would have any weight in the decision already arrived at, but merely out of compliment to his alleged intellect, which, it was thought, had sufficiently developed to possess at least one idea worthy of expression, expecting that, without protest or any attempt to deny the paternal authority to do anything they pleased with him, he would cheerfully acquiesce. Having received the unexpected privilege of being allowed to open his mouth in the august presence of the sanctified dominie, he took advantage of it and blushingly stammered: "If you please, I would rather be a Shriner." The unlooked for and altogether indefinable selection made by this young man of a method of coining money, created such a shock to the dignified parents and their spiritual adviser, that John was then and there given up as "a bad case," if not, in fact, "a positive incorrigible." When at the advanced age of twenty, he ran away from the bellows of the village blacksmith, and went out to earn his living in a western town, he carried with him only that sad, sweet smile which has been so serviceble to him since, and a bunch of Egyptian cigarettes, which latter ajunct, with his natural abstemuousness, was the sole solace of many a long day while heroically battling alone with an envious, wicked and unsympathetic world, until Dame Fortune took him by the hand and eventually led him to the chair which he now so honorably and nobly fills Thus did he gain renown, and reached, by his own insistent will and democratic honesty of purpose, a high seat in the band wagon in the grand march through life. True to his primary convictions, and by keeping a sharp eye to the windward, John maintains a solid front among the first and best in the land."

Noble Ed. I. Alderman of El-Kahir Temple, was a visitor to his parents in California during April.

May 19th comes next. El-Kahir is going to have a warm time at Cedar Rapids, and they want a bunch of novices chased in right away.

LOU B. WINSOR,
Grand Rapids, Mich.

OUR DEPUTY IMPERIAL POTENTATE.

Of Lou B. Winsor, Recorder Ross, of Lu Lu says:

"This brilliant and useful young man is always the center of all gatherings where wisdom and good, solid, common sense prevail. Whether in the blooded horse arena, where absolute judgment is necessary to tell, without prevarication, which animal will come out ahead, or in the exciting base ball field, where equal nerve and a reasonable amount of guessing are essential to win, he gains many friends, and by living next door to a rich and honest banker, who allows Lou to walk down town with him twice a week, he has 'sinched' to a credit which stands him well in hand when the rent becomes due or the plumber has to be met and satisfied. Lou was, in his days of inexperience and Spring boils, a regular lu-lu. Brighter far than many who have lived longer and seen more, he has won distinction as a wonderful observer of men's failings and has benefited by it. By adopting a system of open-heartedness that has engendered good fellowship with all mankind, he has now reached within one step of the top round of the Shrine ladder, and will, doubtless, in good time, be landed where his close and confidential friend, John, now wears the crown. By sticking closely to the motto, 'Soc et TUUM,' which he selected when he first drew his maiden sword in the terrible daily combat with 'the world, the flesh and the devil,' he hopes to come out all right and finally receive the blessings of Allah and a warm seat in the new Kingdom. Long be the time ere the daisies bloom upon his mound. We drop him here, but with hope of picking him up again in the sweet bye and bye."

Order of Isis.

THE ORDER OF ISIS.

It will be a relief to some and an annoyance to others, to know that it is deemed best to keep this Order under the same form as the other Temples of Imperial domain are doing. El-Kahir Court will therefore be the only body with authority in its sphere, and its officers will be the officers of El-Kahir Temple. The ceremonies will be resumed under the court ritual May 19. New passports have been sent out to those entitled.

The fee for adoption is put to $2.50, which includes a white fez and one year's dues.

Noble F. E. Bachelor has kindly offered to register applications for adoption in Clinton, and those who pay the fee, $2.50, will get in with the white fez to follow, on receipt of returns and fees at the Recorder's office.

The first death among the Daughters of Isis in El-Kahir. was Mrs. Henry Pettit, of Osage, Feb. 13, A. D. 1900.

BOOK TABLE.

From our venerable friend, Ill. Richard Lambert, of Louisiana, and all Masonry, sends us the proceedings of all the Grand bodies of his state. Many thanks.

From Grand Secretary Cary, of Philadelphia, Pa., the proceedings of the G. R. A. Chapter of his state—replete, as all from that source ever is to us—with interest.

The Directory of Palestine Lodge, No. 357, Detroit, Mich., is a neat and useful present and a handy way to make the mailing list do double service.

Alladin sent out a card case with its notice for April 27th, and it comes in handily too.

Abdallah, Leavenworth, Kan., sends us a roster and official directory. Imperial John sets off the front, while Recorder Freling's face balances the middle.

AS A PART, SO IS THE WHOLE.

"The character of the lodge is, of course, determined by its personel," says the *Tyler*. "If the members are intellectual, such is the lodge. If they are moral, the lodge is moral. The highest level the lodge can reach is just abreast of the highest average level of its members. One bad man helps much to pull down the average character level of the lodge, and it often happens that a base man in a lodge damns it and Masonry in the estimation of the onlooking outside world. We now have in mind a lodge, one of whose members has been thrown out of the church for a base crime, and yet this lodge, knowing the facts, refrains from taking any action for his expulsion from an organization his connection pollutes and a fraternity his very existence disgraces. Masons must first reverence and serve principle, pure and undefiled, and only stop short of injustice to individual personality in their efforts to uphold the demands of justice and the high standng of the Craft."

During Napoleon Bonaparte's time there was a Masonic lodge in nearly every regiment of the French army, of which the colonel was usually the master.

A new Masonic Temple has been dedicated at Union, Ore. It cost $8,000.

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Plan to attend the meeting in Cedar Rapids, May 19, and leave after the work. We have sleeper berths ready to reserve. For circulars and full information, write

JOHN W. GEIGER.
Recorder, Marion.

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